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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MICHAEL A. EVANS et al.

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Filed: September 1, 1999

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR ACCESSING AND TREATING  
BODY LUMENS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/01/00, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claim 33. All pending claims are reproduced for convenient reference.

33. (Amended) A device for positioning a filament in a body lumen having lumen walls, said device comprising:  
a catheter which can be introduced into the body lumen through a first access penetration in the lumen wall; and  
means advancable from the catheter for creating a second access penetration in the lumen wall and providing a filament path between said first and second access penetrations.

34. (As filed) A device as in claim 33, wherein the catheter has at least one lumen therethrough and the advancable means is reciprocatably received in the catheter lumen.